IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
NORTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PLAINTIFF

VS. CIVIL ACTION NO.: 3:13-CV-00978-HTW-LRA

CITY OF MERIDIAN; COUNTY OF LAUDERDALE; JUDGE FRANK COLEMAN, in his Official Capacity; JUDGE VELDORE YOUNG, in her Official Capacity; STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES; AND MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES DEFENDANTS

STATUS REPORT

The State of Mississippi, Mississippi Department of Human Services and Mississippi Division of Youth Services (collectively "State Defendants") submit this Status Report pursuant to the Court's Order dated March 2, 2017 and state the following:

1. On September 18, 2015, the Court entered the Settlement Agreement voluntarily entered into between the United States of America ("United States"), and the State Defendants. [Dkt. No. 84].

2. Implementation of the Settlement Agreement is ongoing as set forth in the reports filed by the Probation Services Independent Auditor. *See* [Dkt. Nos. 96, 100 & 103].

3. On February 28, 2017, the United States filed the Independent Auditor's Third Report with respect to the State Defendants' progress towards compliance with the provisions of the Settlement Agreement. [Dkt. No. 103], Ex. 1.

4. As set forth in the Independent Auditor's Third Report, the State Defendants continue to progress towards "substantial compliance" with the provision contained in the Settlement Agreement.

THIS the 2nd day of March, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES; MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Douglas T. Miracle, Special Assistant Attorney General for the State of Mississippi, do hereby certify that on this date I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of this Court using the ECF system, which sent notification of this filing to counsel of record.

This the 2nd day of March, 2017.

/s/ Douglas T. Miracle
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